

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 5 through 8, and 10 through 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image bearing member that is rotatable;

a charging member that is contactably provided to the image bearing member and charges the image bearing member, the charging member being capable of being applied with a first voltage ~~containing~~ which contains both an AC component and a DC component and a second voltage ~~without containing~~ which does not contain an AC component and ~~containing~~ which contains a DC component, the first voltage being capable of being applied to the charging member at the time when the charging member charges a region to be an image forming region of the image bearing member; ~~and~~

image forming means for forming an image of a developer on the image bearing member;

cleaning means contactably provided to the image bearing member for cleaning the developer that remains on the image bearing member; and

control means ~~that makes selection on whether a mode,~~ in which allows a selection of either a first mode or a second mode, wherein in the second mode, a rotation time of the image bearing member at non-image forming time is prolonged to be longer

than that in the first mode and ~~in which~~ the second voltage is applied to the charging member in the prolonged rotation time, ~~is performed or not.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the region to be a non-image forming region is formed after the formation of the region to be an image forming region.

4. (Original) An image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the region to be a non-image forming region is formed between the regions each of which becomes an image forming region.

5. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein selection is made as to whether the mode is performed or not in accordance with a ~~ratio of an image~~ print rate formed on the image bearing member.

6. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, wherein performing the mode is selected when the ~~ratio of the image~~ print rate has a predetermined value or more.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising detecting means for detecting an environmental condition, wherein selection is made as to whether the second mode is performed or not based on detection results of the detecting means.

8. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein selection can be made by a user as said image forming apparatus allows a user to determine whether the second mode is performed or not.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim [[9]]
1, wherein:

a shape factor SF-1 of the developer is 100 to 160; and

a shape factor SF-2 of the developer is 100 to 140.

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim [[9]]
1, further comprising:

a first transfer means for transferring the image of the developer formed on the image bearing member onto an intermediate transferring body;

a second transfer means for transferring the image of the developer on the intermediate transferring body onto a member to be transferred; and

developer charging means for, in order to transfer a residual developer that remains on the intermediate transferring body, charging the residual developer with an opposite polarity to a normal polarity of the developer.

12. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 11, wherein:

a charging position of the developer charging means is provided on both an upstream side of a first transfer position of the first transfer means and a downstream side of a second transfer position of the second transfer means in a moving direction of the intermediate transferring body; and

the prolonged rotation time in the second mode corresponds to equal to or larger than a sum of a time during which the intermediate transferring body moves from the second transfer position to the first transfer position and a time during which the image bearing member moves from the first transfer position to a cleaning position of the cleaning means.